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[Despatch Abstract.]

Agriculture - U.K.F. - Manures - Purchase and sale by the Agricultural Department during July 1948 and the quantities of iron and steel, manures etc. distributed by the Agricultural Department during August 1948 - Publication - Papers recorded.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Public Works (Information and Publicity) Department.

PRESS NOTE NO.257, DATED THE 15TH NOVEMBER ' 48.

AGRICULTURE - Grow More Food - Quantities of iron and steel, manures etc. for agricultural purposes received from the Government of India and distributed by the Agricultural Department during the month of August 1948.

It has been suggested that the position in regard to the supply of iron and steel, fertilizers etc. for agriculturists may be published periodically.

2. The following is a review of the quantities received and distributed by the Agricultural Department, during August 1948 for which figures are now available.

I. IRON AND STEEL: STANDARD STEEL:

The opening balance of standard steel for August 1948 was 4,241 tons against an allotment of 2,000 tons by the Government of India for the quarter ending 30-9-1948, a quantity of 734 tons only was received during the month leaving a balance of 797 yet to be supplied from the quarterly quota. The quantity distributed by the Agricultural department during the month of August was 562 tons. The closing balance for the month was 4,413 tons. A considerable portion of this balance consists of unsaleable categories.

Defectives and scrap: The opening balance of defectives and scrap for August 1948 ~~and~~ was 433 tons. The receipts and distribution during the month were 42 tons and 118 tons respectively and the closing balance was 357 tons.

II. Fertilisers - Ammonium Sulphate: For the fertiliser year ending 31-7-1948, the Government of India have allotted to this Province 48,500 tons of ammonium sulphate. Against that allotment, a quantity of 31,955 tons has been distributed upto the end of August 1948 and the closing balance at the end of the month was 16,545 tons. During the month the ~~xxxxxx~~ quantity distributed was 5,585 tons

Ammonium Phosphate: For the fertiliser year 1947-48 (ending with 31-7-48) the Govt. of India have allotted 1,500 tons of Ammonium phosphate. The quantity distributed upto the end of August 1948 was 1,275 tons of which 64 tons were issued during the month. The closing balance for the month was 225 tons.

III. Groundnut-cakes: This manure is not supplied by the Govt. of India but is procured by the Agricultural Department from the Mills on the basis of 60% of their production. The opening balance of groundnut cake with the Department for August 1948 was 15, 187 tons. A quantity of 7,503 tons was received and a quantity of 15,201 tons was distributed during the month (excluding Kurnool district for which figures have not yet been received). The closing balance for the month (excluding Kurnool) was 7,489 tons. These figures are outside the 40% production of the mills which is distributed direct to the ryots by mills, dealers etc.

ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY IN CHARGE.

(True copy of c.f.)

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Agriculture - Grow More Food - Manures - Purchase and sale by the Agricultural Department during 1948 - Reviewed.

To A.S.

A

At the second periodical conference to review the G.M.F. campaign held on 1-8-48, H.Pr. has suggested that a Press Note may be issued regarding the position of manures and iron and steel so that the Public may know the exact position. A draft Press note is submitted in regard to the position of manure. After issue the papers may be recorded.

Iron and Steel: No information is available in regard to the actual quantity of iron and steel received and sold during the month of July 1948. The Joint Director of Agriculture may be consulted in the matter.

Yes. atonce.

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The above review is for perusal.

As regards 'A' above, the publication of the figures for July 1948 now will appear belated. We may ask for a statement for August and if possible September for all commodities - iron, steel and manures from the Director of Agriculture and submit a press note.

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The draft D.O. below may issue before circulation.

15-10-48

I.M.M.
19-10-48 H.M.(Agr.

/From the Joint Director of Agriculture No.DBK R.2084/48, dated 29-10-1948./

To A.S.

Please see the letter from the Joint Director of Agriculture and its enclosures ~~at pp.23-25 c.f.~~ with ref. to the D.O. ~~at pp.19-21 c.f.~~

The Joint Director of Agriculture has furnished figures in the form prescribed ~~on p.21 c.f.~~ for the month of August 1948 as complete figures for September are not yet available. The opening and closing balances in regard to Ammonium Sulphate and Phosphate ~~xxxx~~ do not agree. The Rx Joint Director of Agriculture may be asked to reconcile the figures. - A draft T.M. is submitted.

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2-11-1948

/Issued as T.M. dated 3rd November 1948/
From the Jt. D.A. T.M. dated 5th November 1948

To A.S.

Please see the T.M. from the Jt. D.A. ~~at pp.29-30 c.f.~~ With reference to notes above and the T.M. ~~on p.27 c.f.~~ The J.D.A. explains that the figures given against Ammonium Sulphate and Ammonium Phosphate under col.2 is the quantity distributed upto 31-7-48 and that given under col. 6 is the quantity sold in the month of August 1948 and that the figure under col. 7(closing balance) is arrived at as following col. 3(allotment by Government of India upto 31st July 1948) - col. 2 (opening balance) - col. 6 quantity

distributed during the month. Hence the figures furnished in statement on p.25 c.f. may be taken as correct. This may be accepted. A draft Press Note is submitted for approval. It may issue after circulation. (The Jt. D.A.* has not stated anything with reference to para 2 of the T.M. on p.27 c.f.)

The newspapers won't publish tabular statements. Please put up a readable note in narrative form, one paragraph for each commodity - Quickly please.

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6-11-48.

A revised Press Note is submitted. P.W. (I & P) may see before circulation

8-11-48

Seen in I & P.

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9-11-48

Development.

The draft Press Note may be circulated before issue.

R.P.H.
10-11-48 - H.M. (Agr.)
M.B.
11-11-48 H.M. (P.W)
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12-11-48 H.M.(Food) for H.Pr.

I think in future, to make Press Notes more comprehensive cannot we include information regarding compost, tractors and pumpsets also ?.

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10-11-48.

May be sent to P.W. (I & P) for issue of the Press Note. Take extract of Secretary's note above and note on it separately.

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15-11-48

P.W. (I & P) Department.

The Press note has been issued. The case may be returned to the Development Department.

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16-11-48

Close as G.O. (Ms.) (Further G.Os. may be in R.) Ask Jt. D.A. to expedite report for September 1948. Take action on Secretary's suggestion on priv page.

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16-11-48.

G.O.Ms.No.5658 Development dated 16-11-1948.

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